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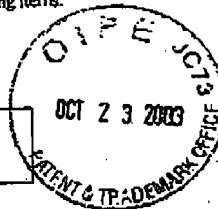
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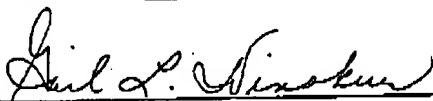
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 6), Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-3, 5 and 6) in the present application. Applicants also provisionally elect the protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.: 1.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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